

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 5, 2009. In the Office Action: (1) Claims 77-78 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,867,823 to Richardson (“*Richardson*”); (2) Claims 81-83 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Richardson*; and (3) Claims 80, 87, and 88 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Richardson* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,073,062 to Hoshino (“*Hoshino*”). Each of the above are addressed below. For the Examiner’s reference, Claims 1-76, 79, and 84-86 were previously cancelled, Claims 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, and 87 have been amended, and Claims 89-91 have been added as new. Following this Amendment, Claims 77-78, 80-83, and 87-91 remaining pending in this application.

Examiner Interview

An interview with the Examiner was conducted on May 6, 2009. Applicant’s attorney appreciates the Examiner’s time and input provided during the interview. The Examiner and Applicant’s attorney discussed potential allowability of the pending claims with claim amendments based on aspects depicted in Figures 4L and 4M in conjunction with work activity change and elements/methods display aspects currently claimed. The claim amendments discussed during the interview are reflected in the amendments presented in this Amendment.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 77-78 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,867,823 to Richardson (“*Richardson*”). Each rejection is addressed below.

Independent Claim 77

Applicants respectfully assert that *Richardson* fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of amended Claim 77. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the current rejection of this claim under § 102.

Dependent Claim 78

Claim 78 depends from independent Claim 77 and therefore includes all the features of Claim 77 plus additional features that further define the invention over the prior art. Accordingly, for at least the reasons independent Claim 77 is in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully submit that this claim is also in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the current rejection of this claim under § 102.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 81-83 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Richardson*. In addition, the Examiner has rejected Claims 80, 87, and 88 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Richardson* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,073,062 to Hoshino ("*Hoshino*"). Each rejection is addressed below.

Independent Claim 81

Applicants respectfully assert that *Richardson* fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of amended Claim 81. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the current rejection of this claim under § 103.

Dependent Claims 80, 82, 83, 87, and 88

Claims 80, 87, and 88 depend from independent Claim 77 and therefore include all the features of Claim 77 plus additional features that further define the invention over the prior art. Claims 82 and 83 depend from independent Claim 81 and therefore include all the features of Claim 81 plus additional features that further define the invention over the prior art. Accordingly, for at least the reasons independent Claims 77 and 81 are in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the current rejection of these claims under § 103.

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New Claims

New dependent Claims 89-91 have been added to the application. Support for Claims 89 and 90 can be found in paragraphs [0096] to [0100] of the current application. Support for Claim 91 can be found in paragraph [0024] of the current application.

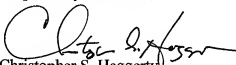
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Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action mailed March 5, 2009. The foregoing amendments to the claims, when taken in conjunction with the appended remarks, are believed to have placed the present application in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at (404) 881-7640 or e-mail at chris.haggerty@alston.com to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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